

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Annette S. Perkins	-Chair
	Doug Marrs	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	William H. Brown	
	Gary D. Creed	
	John A. Muffo	
	James D. Politis	
	B. Clayton Goodman, III	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Angie Hill	-Financial & Management Services Director
	Marc Mcgruder	-Budget Manager
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

### **INTO CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Section 2.2-3711      (1)      Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment; Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees or Employees of Any Public Body
1. Juvenile Detention Commission
  2. Office on Youth Advisory Board
  3. Parks and Recreation Commission

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Gary D. Creed	None
William H. Brown	
Doug Marrs	
Mary W. Biggs	
James D. Politis	
John A. Muffo	
Annette S. Perkins	

### **OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
William H. Brown	None
Doug Marrs	
Mary W. Biggs	
James D. Politis	
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	

### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only

such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES

Doug Marrs  
Mary W. Biggs  
James D. Politis  
John A. Muffo  
Gary D. Creed  
William H. Brown  
Annette S. Perkins

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

None

ABSENT DURING MEETING

None

**INVOCATION**

A Moment of Silence was lead by Chair Perkins. Chair Perkins also took this time to reflect on the recent tragedy in the City of Kirkwood, Missouri, where a gunman fatally shot five people and wounded two others during a City Council meeting. The Mayor, two city officials and two police officers were fatally shot. The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of Council Members and Police Officers who lost their lives.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **SIX -YEAR SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET**

**The Proposed Six Year Plan for Improvement of the State Secondary Highway System in Montgomery County for 2008-2009 through 2013-2014** and establishment of priorities for the 2008-2009 budget year, pursuant to Section 33.1-70.01 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. **Rural Addition** requests will also be taken at this public hearing.

David Clarke, VDOT Residency Administrator, provided an update on the FY 2008-2014 Six-Year Secondary Road Improvement Plan. Mr. Clarke provided the following list of the Draft Secondary Six Year Road Plan (FY 2008/09 through 2013/2014):

Priority 1	Mt. Pleasant Road (SR 639)
Priority 2	Mt. Pleasant Road (SR 639) - Phase II
Priority 3	Sidney Church Road (SR 606)
Priority 4	Dobbins Hollow Road (SR 677)
Priority 5	Yellow Sulphur Road (SR 643)
Priority 6	Craig Creek Road (SR 621)
Priority 7	Piney Woods Road (SR 600)

Mr. Clarke stated that Montgomery County is slated to receive an estimated \$1.7 million this year, which is more than anticipated. Mr. Clarke stated he will meet with Montgomery County's Roads Committee to address any comments made by the public tonight and amend the plan if necessary.

Mr. Clarke reported that Dobbins Hollow Road is currently being worked on as it is a shared project with Floyd County .

Supervisor Biggs asked how much money it took to pave one mile of road. Mr. Clarke replied that it takes an average of \$1 million to pave one mile of road.

Supervisor Creed pointed out that there is 174 miles of unpaved roads in Montgomery County.

Supervisor Brown asked what type of surface material is being used, asphalt or tar and gravel? Mr. Clarke replied it depends on the road. VDOT is trying to do more roads with tar and gravel as it is less expensive to use. However, in Montgomery County it's the policy to use asphalt. He did suggest that the Roads Committee discuss this policy at their next meeting to see if tar and gravel could be used.

Crab Creek Road (SR 660): Larry Alderman and Dee Linkous spoke in support of including Crab Creek Road on the Six-Year Road Plan and in the Rural Rustic Road program. Crab Creek is being used as a shortcut for many motorists and the area is being developed, which will cause an increase in traffic.

Mt. Pleasant Road (SR 639): Steve Phoenix spoke in support of improvements on Mt. Pleasant Road. Mt. Pleasant Road is on the Six-Year Road Plan for improvement; however, Mr. Phoenix asked that the County consider improvements first on the Christiansburg side and not the Alleghany Springs side. Mr. Phoenix believes this side to be more dangerous where there are several drop-offs and narrower roads. The County needs to consider the safety of the children who have to ride the school bus on this dangerous road.

Stanley Road (SR 667): Harlan Akers, Dean Durham, Mike West, Shannon Dove, and Brain Sale spoke in support of improvements to Stanley Road. Stanley Road is an unpaved road only 9/10 of a mile long with 28 houses. The residents asked that this road be placed on the Six-Year Road Plan in order to be considered for the Rural Rustic Road Program.

Yellow Sulphur Road (SR 643): Carol Roberson, Kevin Carter, Quinton Burch, and Bernard Ross spoke in support of improvements to Yellow Sulphur Road. The Board of Supervisors was thanked for the recent improvements to Yellow Sulphur Road; however they did not solve the problems on this road. Residents cited hazardous conditions and safety concerns. They asked that the Board considered paving a portion each year and make it a priority to get this road improved and off the Six-Year Road Plan.

Plum Creek Road (US Route 11), Fire Tower Road (SR 600), Blair Street (SR 738), Gallimore Street (SR 739) and Crab Creek Road (SR 660): Bruce Oliver submitted recommendations on the above road for the County's Six-Year Road Plan. Mr. Oliver requested that VDOT in the future consider pedestrian traffic on bridges, particularly in a built up rural area. He asked that trees near Lee Highway and Fire Tower Road be trimmed or removed as they have become overgrown. He asked that Blair and Gallimore Streets be taken into the secondary system as they still remain private streets. The School Bus will not travel private roads and this is a safety issue for parents. Mr. Oliver requested that the section of Crab Creek Road near Switchback Road be widened. Mr. Oliver also requested that a sign informing motorists they are entering the Chesapeake Bay Watershed be installed on Craig Creek Road.

The following e-mails were received and entered into the record:

*"To whom it may concern:*

*My name is Sharon Womack, I'm a resident of Yellow Sulphur Road. This road is sometimes almost untravelable. The wash boards and the mud slicks would cause any experienced driver to wreck. VDOT has dug ditches on the sides of the road to let the water drain off, but if you have to get over for a dump truck or larger vehicle you either get hit or in the ditch. There is a lot of larger vehicles that travel this road. There have been numerous wrecks around the blind curves. As a mother of twin girls that will get their license this year, I'm very concerned. This road does not accommodate the traffic that travels it. I've lived on this road for three years and I've never seen a cop patrol this road. Maybe they don't patrol because of the condition of the road. There is a lot of teenagers that use this road because of this. Sometimes you get woke up with the sounds of spinning tires in the gravels. Please take another look and the priority list and help the resident of Yellow Sulphur stay safe.*

*Thanks Sharon Womack"*

*“Dear Folks,*

*When we moved to our home on what is now Black Bear Run, we determined that we would become public-minded citizens, keeping abreast of all matters involving our new community. In that respect, the following spring we attended our first Public Meeting on 6-year Secondary Road Improvement. The representatives from VDOT and the County Supervisors listened politely to testimony of frequent washouts, mud, dust, heavy traffic, cut tires, accidents, and the need for constant grading of washboarding to simply keep the road passable. As we have reported at every hearing, YSR is used as a "shortcut" around 460 whenever there is a traffic pileup--accident, football game, or just quitting time. We were assured that our road was "On the 6-year plan, and we could expect action toward a permanent solution--straightening and some sort of paving--as soon as our number came up in the rotation. That was 1986.*

*This spring ritual has been repeated regularly since then. The hearings are a pleasant social gathering for fellow YSR residents, but we've long made peace with a couple of realities. 1) Your plans are already made, cut in stone, and the money has already been committed elsewhere. The purpose of these meetings is simply to satisfy an item in the VDOT regs. 2) Until we elect an official actually living on YSR to high county office, there will be no action. 3) . . . unless a spectacular fatality occurs first.*

*Representatives from Channel 10 and the Roanoke Times will be present at the hearing. Among other questions you will be asked: "How much has VDOT spent on "Band-aid" care of Yellow Sulphur Road in the past 6 years? 12 years? 24 years? What is the accident score card for this stretch of secondary road? Is this whole exercise a total sham?*

*Carter Elliott”*

Supervisor Politis commented he believed that the tar and gravel method would work on roads that qualify under the Rural Rustic Road program. He also stated he supports the County increasing funding for the Revenue Sharing Program in order to get more roads improved.

Supervisor Creed commented on Mr. Pleasant Road. He stated that the road needs to be raised to get away from the creek in order to pave it to keep it from flooding. Also, Mt. Pleasant Road is used by commuters, not just residents who live along this road. This road is a connector road.

Supervisor Marrs commented on Yellow Sulphur Road. Yellow Sulphur Road has been on the Six-Year Road Plan since 1978. It was removed from the list in 1990 and replaced back on the list in 1993. He believes this to be grave negligence on the County and VDOT's part in not getting this road paved before now.

There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

## **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Denise Williams a first grade Teacher at Christiansburg Primary School, spoke in support of the request to increase salaries for teachers. Ms. Williams stated she had to take a second job in order to support herself and should not have had to resort to this. She stated she is proud to be a teacher and asked that the County support adequate funding in order to maintain professional teachers in the County.

Paul Smeal addressed the Board in support of the Parks and Recreation Department and the need for additional funding. He believes there is a need for additional athletic fields and community buildings throughout the County.

Michael Hemphill spoke in support of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library budget. He also thanked the Board for their leadership in opposing the proposed intermodal facility in Elliston.

There being no further speakers, the public address session was closed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated February 11, 2008 was approved.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

### **AYE**

Mary W. Biggs  
James D. Politis  
John A. Muffo  
Gary D. Creed  
William H. Brown  
Doug Marrs  
Annette S. Perkins

### **NAY**

None

## **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the minutes dated November 26, 2007 and November 27, 2007 were approved.

**A-FY-08-76**  
**SHERIFF**  
**RECOVERED COSTS AND**  
**DMV GRANT APPROPRIATION**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the function and in the amount as follows:

310	Sheriff – State	\$ 2,236
320	Sheriff – County	\$20,680
321	Sheriff – Grants	<u>\$ 2,003</u>
	Total	\$24,919

The sources of the funds for the foregoing appropriation are as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
419108	Recovered Costs	\$22,916
424401	State Grants	<u>\$ 2,003</u>
	Total	\$24,919

Said resolution appropriates recovered costs, and grant funds for use by the Sheriff's department.

**A-FY-08-77**  
**RSVP**  
**APPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS**  
**AND FUNDRAISING**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the function and in the amount as follows:

520	Human Services	\$4,929
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
25202-419108	Recovered Costs	\$ 4,929

Said resolution appropriates donations and fundraising monies for use by RSVP.



**A-FY-08-78**  
**GENERAL SERVICES**  
**TRANSFER FROM GENERAL CONTINGENCIES**  
**FROG POND RENOVATIONS**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that a transfer of appropriation is hereby authorized, as follows:

**FROM:**

950	General Contingencies	(\$4,175)
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**TO:**

400	General Services	\$4,175
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the function and in the amount as follows:

400	General Services	\$44,715
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The sources of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows

451203	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$44,715
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Said resolution transfers funding to General Services to cover the cost of resurfacing the Montgomery County Frog Pond.

**R-FY-08-109**  
**APPOINTMENT**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**(MONTGOMERY REGIONAL)**  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints **Jim McAlister** as **Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce** representative to the Montgomery Regional Economic Development Commission effective February 12, 2008 and expiring February 11, 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD-FY-08-20  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10,  
ENTITLED ZONING, SECTION 10-27  
OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA,  
TO ADD “COUNTRY INN” AS A USE PERMITTED  
BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN  
THE RM-1 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

On a motion by John A. Muffo, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that Chapter 10, Section 10-27 entitled Zoning respectively of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, shall be amended and reordained as follows:

**Sec. 10-27. RM-1 Multiple-Family Residential District.**

- (1) *Purpose.* The regulations set forth in this section, or set forth elsewhere in this chapter when referred to in this section, are the regulations in the Multiple-Family Residential, RM-1 district. This district provides for multiple-family residences and is for the purpose of accommodating the construction of townhouse developments and garden-type apartments in appropriate locations in order to provide convenient and compact residential neighborhoods, efficient provision of public facilities and services, and a range of housing prices, including moderate priced housing.
- (2) *Qualifying lands.* Lands qualifying for inclusion in the RM-1 zoning district shall be RM-1 Residential on the date of adoption of this chapter and other lands within areas mapped as urban expansion, village, or village expansion in the comprehensive plan. The minimum area required to create a district is one (1) acre of total contiguous land.
- (3) *Uses permitted by right.* The following uses are permitted by right, subject to compliance with all approved plans and permits, development standards and performance standards contained in this chapter, and with all other applicable regulations:
  - (a) Church.
  - (b) Dwelling, single-family attached (townhouse).
  - (c) Dwelling, two-family (duplex).
  - (d) Dwelling, multifamily (apartment).
  - (e) Home occupation.
  - (f) Pet, household.
  - (g) Public facility.
  - (h) Public utility lines, other.

- (i) Public utility lines, water or sewer.
- (j) School.
- (k) Telecommunications tower, attached.

(4)(i) *Uses permissible by special use permit.* The following uses may be permitted by the board of supervisors as special uses, subject to the requirements of this chapter and to all other applicable regulations:

- (a) Cemetery.
- (b) Civic club.
- (c) Country club.
- (d) *Country inn***
- ~~(d)~~ **(e)** Congregate care facility.
- ~~(e)~~ **(f)** Day care center.
- ~~(f)~~ **(g)** Dormitory.
- ~~(g)~~ **(h)** Fire, police and rescue stations.
- ~~(h)~~ **(i)** Funeral home.
- ~~(i)~~ **(j)** Golf course.
- ~~(j)~~ **(k)** Group home.
- ~~(k)~~ **(l)** Medical care facility.
- ~~(l)~~ **(m)** Nursing home.
- ~~(m)~~ **(n)** Park, lighted or unlighted.
- ~~(n)~~ **(o)** Playground, lighted or unlighted.
- ~~(o)~~ **(p)** Public utility substations.
- ~~(p)~~ **(q)** Senior living facility.

(4)(ii) The following uses may be permitted by the board of zoning appeals as special uses, subject to the requirements of this chapter and all other applicable regulations:

- (a) Accessory structures greater than twelve hundred (1,200) square feet in area and/or eighteen (18) feet in height.

(5) *Lot requirements.*

- (a) *Minimum lot area.*
  - 1. *For single-family attached (townhouse) units:* Two thousand (2,000) square feet minimum lot area. Sixteen (16) feet minimum lot width.
  - 2. *For all other uses:* Six thousand (6,000) square feet minimum lot area.
- (b) *Lot access.* Lots shall be accessed from a road in the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) system or from a hard-surfaced road designed by a professional engineer to accommodate projected volumes, loads and vehicle types and approved by the zoning administrator.
- (c) *Maximum lot coverage.*
  - 1. Forty (40) percent of gross site area.

2. Gross development density of single-family attached units shall not exceed eight (8) dwellings per acre;
3. Gross development density of multifamily units shall not exceed twelve (12) dwellings per acre;
4. Impervious surfaces shall not exceed sixty (60) percent of the gross site area.

(d) *Minimum green space.*

1. Fifteen (15) percent of the gross acreage of the tract shall be reserved as common green space, developed as active recreation and/or passive park use. All such green space lots shall have a length/width ratio of no less than five to one (5:1).
2. Active recreation space shall be suitably graded and equipped for active recreational facilities to serve the residents of the development. Passive park space shall be designed to preserve important site amenities and environmentally sensitive areas.
3. Multi-family and single-family attached developments of more than twenty (20) individual units shall create an active recreation area of no less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet in area and incorporate a playground and items such as tot lots, school bus shelters and other community facilities deemed appropriate by the zoning administrator at time of site plan review.

- (e) *Minimum width.* Sixty-four (64) feet at the setback line of the front yard for multifamily structures; sixteen (16) feet for townhouse units.

(6) *Building requirements.*

(a) *Minimum yards.*

1. *Front.* Twenty-five (25) feet.
2. *Side.* Twenty-five (25) feet.
  - a. Between townhouse groups and two-family units: Fifteen (15) feet.
  - b. Between two-family or end townhouse unit and lot line: Twenty-five (25) feet.
  - c. Between multifamily structures: Twenty-five (25) feet.
  - d. Between multifamily structures and the lot line: Twenty-five (25) feet.

All required side yard dimensions in between townhouse groups and between multifamily structures set forth above are the minimum dimensions that must be clear of other structures such as air handling units and storage units, so as to allow passage of emergency vehicles.
3. *Rear.* Thirty (30) feet.
4. *Accessory buildings.* Ten (10) feet to any side or rear lot line.

(b) *Maximum building height.* Thirty-five (35) feet in height from grade, except that:

1. The height limit for dwellings may be increased up to ten (10) feet, provided that there are two (2) side yards for each permitted use, each of which is

fifteen (15) feet or more, plus one (1) foot or more of side yard for each additional foot of building height over thirty-five (35) feet.

2. A public or semipublic building such as a school, church, library or hospital may be erected to a height of sixty (60) feet from grade, provided that required front, side and rear yards shall be increased one (1) foot for each foot in height over thirty-five (35) feet.
3. No accessory building which is within ten (10) feet of any party lot line shall be more than one (1) story high. All accessory buildings shall be less than the main building in height.
- (c) *Groups of single-family attached dwellings (townhouses).* No more than eight (8) and not less than three (3) single-family attached dwellings (townhouses) shall be included in one (1) connected group.

(7) *Use limitations.*

- (a) *Public water and wastewater service.* Public water and wastewater services are required for all development in the RM-1 district.

The vote on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

AYE

James D. Politis  
John A. Muffo  
Gary D. Creed  
William H. Brown  
Doug Marrs  
Mary W. Biggs  
Annette S. Perkins

NAY

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**R-FY-08-110  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
DELEGATE DAVE NUTTER'S BUDGET AMENDMENT  
IN THE 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUIRING THAT  
THE COMMONWEALTH ONLY EXPEND RAIL ENHANCEMENT  
FUNDS OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION REVENUES IN SUPPORT  
OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA INTERMODAL RAIL PORT IF  
THE PORT IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SALEM**

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia has gone on record multiple times opposing the proposal to locate a Norfolk-Southern intermodal facility in the rural community of Elliston; and

WHEREAS, In the 2007 General Assembly session, Delegate Dave Nutter sponsored, and the Board of Supervisors supported House Bill 2233 which required that a resolution of approval from localities within which a project is located must be received before Rail Enhancement funds may be expended; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Nutter has submitted a budget amendment in the 2008 General Assembly session to include language requiring that the Commonwealth only expend Rail Enhancement funds or other transportation revenues in support of the Western Virginia Intermodal Rail Port if the port is located in the City of Salem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board fully supports Delegate Nutter's proposed budget language and thanks Delegate Nutter for his support of the citizens of Montgomery County.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
John A. Muffo	None
William H. Brown	
Doug Marrs	
Mary W. Biggs	
James D. Politis	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	

### **INTO WORK SESSION**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. FY 08-09 Budget
  - A. Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library - FY 08-09 Budget Request
  - B. Montgomery County School Board – FY 08-09 Budget Request

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
William H. Brown	None
Doug Marrs	
Mary W. Biggs	
James D. Politis	
Gary D. Creed	
John A. Muffo	
Annette S. Perkins	

### **Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library – FY 2008-2009 Budget**

Ann Carter, MFRL Vice-Chair, thanked the Board for their past and continued support. She presented the Board with a framed READS Poster with the Virginia Tech Hokie Bird reading *What It Means to Be a Hokie* by Coach Frank Beamer.

Paula Alston, MFRL Director, made a presentation on the MFRL's budget for FY 2008-2009. Ms. Alston provided their top priorities, which includes adding additional funding for purchases of books and materials. They are also requesting additional funding to fund a part-time children's position, maintenance, and replacement of the bookmobile. Every year the State reduces the Library's funding. In FY 07-08 a total of \$127,759 was reduced from their budget. Over the last six years a total of \$714,322 has been reduced from the Library's budget.

Ms Alston also submitted a copy of the MFRL Strategic Plan for 2007-2011. This plan concentrates on providing service to children, funding, marketing and expanding/renovating the two oldest buildings.

### **Montgomery County Public Schools – FY 2008-2009 Budget**

Wendell Jones, School Board Chair, appreciated the opportunity to share the vision for Montgomery County schools and discuss their budget request. The School Board's key areas of commitment are for all schools to be accredited, recruit highly qualified staff and provide a compensation package that retains and motivates staff, and to continue to build positive communication and collaboration among both boards.

Mr. Jones stated that the school budget request is based on the resources needed to provide a quality program of instruction to meet federal and state standards and to meet the educational needs of all Montgomery County students. The final budget request is based on needs and not restricted to funds available, though revenue sources are considered.

The School Board Budget goals are to increase teacher pay to competitive levels, increase nursing hours/coverage at middle and high schools, and keep pupil/teacher ratios in line with divisional goals.

Dr. Tiffany Anderson, School Superintendent, provided remarks pertaining to the budget. Dr. Anderson stated that the school budget request includes input from parents, teachers, administrators, and the community. The budget includes the needs to meet the SOQ, NCLB, and the School Board priorities.

Walt Shannon, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, provided a summary of major items in the school budget request. The total proposed school budget for FY 2008-2009 is \$100,101,840, an increase of \$10,360,144 from the FY 2007-2008 budget. The majority of this request is to provide a division-wide 8.9% compensation increase to school employees, which totals \$6,334,887. Also, 33.62 new positions/supplements is being requested for a total of \$1,812,198. Montgomery County Public Schools personnel cost for salaries and benefits comprise 86.5% of the school operating budget. Utilities, insurance, and fixed contracts comprise another 5% of the school operating budget.

Mr. Shannon reported that they estimate on receiving \$5.7 million in state funding, \$368,911 in federal funding, and \$66,000 in local funding. They are requesting an additional \$4,138,609 in county funding.

Supervisor Marrs asked if the additional funding from the state could be used toward teacher salaries. Mr. Shannon responded that a portion of the funding could; however, some of the funding is allocated towards basic aid and other needs.

### **OUT OF WORK SESSION**

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Doug Marrs	None
Mary W. Biggs	
James D. Politis	
Gary D. Creed	
John A. Muffo	
William H. Brown	
Annette S. Perkins	



## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

County/School Liaison Meeting: The School Board requested the Board of Supervisors to consider a joint meeting to discuss school construction on March 11, 2008. Board members were asked to check their schedules and let the County Administrator know if this date was suitable.

Blacksburg High School Athletic Boosters are raising funds to construct a field house and install a turf field at the new Blacksburg stadium facilities behind the Blacksburg Middle School. Since the Board of Supervisors is the owner of this property they will have to agree to this project. A resolution will be on the Board's agenda in March to enter into an agreement with the Blacksburg High School Athletic Boosters for the Board to consider.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Supervisor Politis reported that the Board of Supervisors' request to remove 20 acres from AFD-9 was considered by the AFD Advisory Committee on February 7, 2008. This property is located in Elliston for the construction of a new elementary school.

Supervisor Biggs attended the School Board meeting where they discussed the six year goals for the schools. Also, the final school budget was approved by the School Board.

VACO/VML Legislative Day – February 7, 2008 - Supervisors Biggs, Perkins, Marrs, and Brown, along with the County Administrator, attended the Legislative Day in Richmond on February 7, 2008. This is a day to lobby local delegates and senators on legislative issues/concerns in Montgomery County. Supervisor Biggs reported Governor Kaine stated he will do his best to protect funding for education. There is no movement to raise additional state revenues.

School Board Budget - Supervisor Biggs expressed her desire to have communication with the School Board regarding the School Budget. She believes they need to address teacher salaries, as this is an important issue with the teachers and she understands how they feel. She believes that salaries for school employees and county employees are worlds apart.

**Supervisor Brown** suggested that Chuck Shorter be recommended for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**R-FY-08-111  
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby recommends to the Circuit Court the appointment of Charles P. Shorter to the **Board of Zoning Appeals** effective February 12, 2008 and expiring February 9, 2009.

Said appointment fills the unexpired term of Jermone R. Smith, resigned.

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

**AYE**

John A. Muffo  
James D. Politis  
Mary W. Biggs  
Doug Marrs  
William H. Brown  
Gary D. Creed  
Annette S. Perkins

**NAY**

None

**Board Reports (Continued)**

**Supervisor Creed** stated that property values increase by an average of 8% annually. He asked that a chart be provided showing the increase in the cost of real estate taxes per year for 30 years on a \$159,000 house. For example, at the end of ten years the house will be assessed at \$296,000.

**Supervisor Perkins** attended the Legislative Day in Richmond on February 7, 2008. They had a chance to discuss Montgomery County's legislative priorities and the need for additional funding for education and teacher salaries. Supervisor Perkins stated that the State is in a financial bind and the current taxes are staying as is. The Governor is proposing cuts to state agencies.

**Supervisor Marrs** attended the Legislative Day in Richmond on February 7, 2008. He reported that on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 he was in Richmond to lobby for additional funding for the Western Virginia Regional Jail. The Governor cut funding in the State's FY 2008-2009 budget for the Regional Jail, which would have provided operational and personnel costs for 3 months. The jail is scheduled to open March 2009 and no state funding is available until June 2009.

The Appropriations Committee was not encouraging about funding being placed back in the budget. Supervisor Marrs commented he would hate to see the new jail ready to open and can't due to the lack of funding.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to Monday, February 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

#### **AYE**

Mary W. Biggs  
James D. Politis  
Gary D. Creed  
John A. Muffo  
William H. Brown  
Doug Marrs  
Annette S. Perkins

#### **NAY**

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____	ATTESTED: _____
Annette S. Perkins Chair, Board of Supervisors	B. Clayton Goodman, III County Administrator